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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Procurement Division/OL

ATTENTION : Contract Administration Branch

THROUGH : Chief, Support Staff/NPIC

SUBJECT : Disposal of Vacuum Easel

REFERENCE [redacted] letter re subject
easel dated 27 January 1965

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1. By reference [redacted] has offered to purchase the materials used in the fabrication of a prototype vacuum easel for the [redacted] Enlarger.

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2. The easel is the result of a project initiated during FY 1963 under contract [redacted]. Although the easel was fabricated and installed on the enlarger, it proved to be totally unsatisfactory because of faulty engineering design. However, since all contractual specifications were met at the time of installation on the enlarger, the easel was accepted and the contractor paid. In spite of the unsatisfactory performance, it was hoped that modifications could be devised to make it operational. As a result, it was returned to [redacted] with a request that they develop a method for salvaging the existing easel through modifications. As of this date, no suitable modification has been proposed; in the meantime, Development Branch personnel devised a more promising and completely unique approach to the problem. It was therefore decided to pursue the latter development.

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3. For these reasons, the existing easel is of no value to the Government. Returning it to NPIC will only present a storage problem. Therefore, it is recommended that the offer made [redacted] for the easel and control assembly be accepted in accordance with reference. The two (2) [redacted] Vacuum Cleaners should not be sold but be returned [redacted] for use on an "in-house" development.

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